

North Scituate Public Library
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Welcome to the North Scituate Public Library. This is our first attempt at letterboxing! We do hope that you enjoy yourself on your search through our library. If you should have any questions, except for, "Where is it?" feel free to ask any staff member. Thank you and good luck.

Please begin your search here at the Circulation desk. From this point, look around. Try to gain a perspective of the library and get your bearings.

To let you know up front, the letterbox is hidden inside the building, not outside.

Please be sure all clues, envelopes, etc. that you find are returned exactly where you found it for our next letter boxer.

The next step is just that. Step away from the desk and wander over to the fireplace.

This is a browsing area and hanging over the fireplace for the summer, is an old movie poster from the film "Jeremiah Johnson". (Normally in this location hangs a portrait of Jonah Titus, a prominent Scituate citizen and famed lawyer.) In this 1972 film, Robert Redford plays the lead role of Jeremiah Johnson. The film traces the hardships and dangers of the life of a mountain man during the mid 1800's. Jeremiah Johnson learns how to survive against harsh winters; close encounters with grizzly bears, and hostile Crow Indians, and ultimately assumes a mythic place in Rocky Mountain folklore. The movie is about one man's rugged effort to shed the burden of civilization and learn to survive in the wilderness of the Rocky Mountains.

Just to the right of the fireplace are all the adult magazines, which are arranged alphabetically by title. If you look closely you just might see a "magazine" entitled, *Adventures in Letterboxing*. Locate this and read where to venture next.

As you stand here facing the magazine rack, to your left is a large window. Just to the left of the window is the adult paperback collection and to the right is the

Young Adult paperback collection. See that freestanding blue bookcase? Mosey on over and peer behind it. See a nice big comfy couch? Good. Now sit yourself down and enjoy the view of Scituate's beautiful Gazebo. Did you know that that Gazebo/bandstand was built to honor the town's 250th birthday in 1981! Many town events are held here as well as high school graduation.

Now that you've rested a spell, reach over and gently lift up one of the cushions. Ah ha! Read your next instructions.

From this comfy couch, pack your trunk and mosey on down the stairs into the Children's room and you will see a covered wagon just to the left of the Children's desk. Wagons like this were packed with all the worldly goods by the pioneers that were needed to survive the long adventure west. What would you bring? Think of what you would need to pack in a wagon such as this to help you survive a 6-month journey. Remember food for yourself and your family and YOUR ANIMALS! A guidebook for travelers recommended to take the following: 100 pounds of flour for each adult, 70 pounds of bacon, 30 pounds of hardtack, rice beans, coffee sugar, dried fruits, baking soda and vinegar. Oh, don't forget clothes, tools, wagon repairs, farming equipment, plants & seedlings, utensils and dishes, and maybe even a toy or book. Peek in the picnic basket on the wagon for your next set of instructions.

Now that you have thought about what one would need to carry for such a long trip, how about reading up on some Western history! Turn yourself to the right, away from the wagon and mosey down the center aisle/book stack just to the right of the red display board. On your immediate left you will see lots and lots of book on American History located on the shelves with the Red & blue tape and silver stars. Keep walking and you will see a small Lucite display sign that reads Westward Movement J 978. Here is the area devoted to all kinds of info pertaining to the Westward movement. People, places, and events. Read the back of the display sign for your next clue.

Before you leave this spot, be sure to check out a book or two about the west. Now you must continue to move down this aisle to the back of the Children's Room. Once there, walk to the large window area. There are 2 puzzle boxes on the windowsill. See them? Good. Now only one of them had your next clue behind it.

I see you have found it. Wonderful. Your next adventure will take you out of Children's and into the Adult Room. With the large window at your back, walk forward through the "Saloon Hall" doors. Once through, turn left. Walk past the computers on your left and walk to the tall glass cases. These cases house just part of the Scituate history collection. Here you can find info on the lost villages, the reservoir, the schools, and tons of genealogy. These materials are all available to look at at any time. Just ask at the Circulation Desk or at the Reference Desk, which is centrally located in this room. At the end of the last case, turn left for your next clue.

Well, now that you have found out where to read up the real life adventures of the west, and of the past history of our town of Scituate, it's now time to find what to read for fun adventures with a western flavor. With the glass case on your left, and the book stack that's labeled FICTION MP/PS on your right, walk forward toward the window, Cowboy's restroom door to your left, and find the book stack labeled FICTION GH/HM. Turn right here. Walk forward to about the center of the stack and stop. To your right should be a series of off-white books all with Western book stickers that looks like this: These are all novels written by the author Zane Grey. Within these pages you will find yourself riding across open plains, camping by an open fire, and living adventures of what it may have been like once upon a time. Now, you must look closely.

One of these titles contains your next clue, but which one?

Congratulations on figuring out which book held the next clue! Once again you must move forward to the end of the aisle. Once there, turn right and walk to the 5th stack, reading the tops for identification, and turn right at the one marked 942-998. Walk to the end of this aisle and stop. Locate the books with call # 978. Here, as in the Children's Room you will find information about the history of the West; photos, people, places, and events. Also here you will find your next clue.

Great! You are almost at the end of the trail. As you stand here in this aisle, turn to the front of the building and you will see the Reference Desk. Just past this desk is a small set of stairs that leads up to the Circulation Desk. Walk toward the stairs. Before going up, stop and look left through the windows. Outside, across the street (Silk Lane) you will see a memorial statue. This statue is called the Owen's Soldier's Monument. It was dedicated on August 20, 1913 to the soldiers of Scituate that gave their lives during the Civil War. The statue was a gift to the town by native Benjamin T. Owen, born 1848, and a descendent of Roger Williams. When you leave the library, walk over and visit. The monument stands on the

grounds of the Congregational Church, built in 1831, and in 1968 the Scituate Art Festival Committee was formed to raise funds to restore the church. The church is open to the public during Art Festival weekend. (Columbus Day). Continue on and go up the stairs. At the top of the stairs, on your right is a display case filled now with items to support our Western theme this summer. This case is available to anyone who would like to display his or her collections. Walk past the case and head towards the front door. Do not go out the door but turn right. Walk past the adult browsing area, the YA area and the fireplace where you began. Continue down the stairs into the Children's Room once again. You have now completed a mini tour of our library and I hope you enjoyed it. The letterbox is here in the Children's room but out of sight of course! At the bottom of the steps, my desk is right in front of you. To your left is our covered wagon and to your right are the book stacks. Next to my desk is my "wagon" that I use on a daily basis when I am loading and unloading books and materials. Here is where you will find the letterbox. Find it, open it, use the stamp inside to stamp in your journal/notebook, and if you have a stamp of your own, stamp my journal in the box. You may leave your name or any other clue to let the others know that you were here. Have a great summer, happy reading, and come back and visit us again!

Happy Trails! Miss Brenda, Children's Librarian and Sheriff and owner of the Double R Ranch this summer!